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SUBJECT: THIRD CONFERENCE OF IGCP PROGRAM "STANDARDS
FOR COMPUTER APPLICATION IN RESOURCE STUDIES"

THE INTERNATIONAL GEOLOGICAL CORRELATION PROGRAM (IGCP)
JOINTLY SPONSORED BY THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF GEOLOGICAL
SCIENCES AND UNESCO, IS AN EFFORT TO MOBILIZE SCIENTISTS
IN BOTH THE DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FOR RESEARCH
ON FUNDAMENTAL GEOLOGICAL PROBLEMS RELATED TO THE IDENTIFI-
CATION, DEFINITION, AND ASSESSMENT OF ENERGY AND MINERAL
RESOURCES. ONE OF THE PROJECTS UNDER THIS PROGRAM "STAN-
DARDS FOR COMPUTER APPLICATION IN RESOURCE STUDIES" IS
HOLDING ITS THIRD CONFERENCE NEAR NAIROBI, KENYA, ON
NOVEMBER 7-16, 1977. INASMUCH AS THE LEADERSHIP OF THIS
PROJECT IS PROVIDED BY THE U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, U.S.
MISSIONS MAY BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING ABOUT THE PLANS FOR
THE CONFERENCE. ANNOUNCEMENTS WILL BE SENT BY UNESCO TO
COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN IGCP.

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THE PURPOSE OF THIS CONFERENCE IS TO DEVELOP CRITERIA FOR
USE OF THE SIX RESOURCE ASSESSMENT TECHNIQUES IDENTIFIED
AT THE SECOND PROJECT CONFERENCE HELD IN NORWAY IN

OCTOBER 1977. PAPERS DESCRIBING CASE HISTORIES IN TERMS
OF A PARTICULAR METHOD OF ASSESSMENT WILL BE PRESENTED.

THESE WILL BE FOLLOWED BY WORKSHOPS TO DETERMINE CRITERIA FOR THE USE OF EACH METHOD IN TERMS OF WHEN TO USE THE TECHNIQUE, WHAT DATA ARE REQUIRED, HOW TO INTERPRET THE RESULTS, AND WHAT THE LIMITATIONS OF THE TECHNIQUE ARE.

AS A RESULT OF THE PRESENTATIONS AND THE WORKSHOPS, PARTICIPANTS WILL BE BETTER PREPARED TO ASSESS THE RESOURCE ENDOWMENTS OF THEIR OWN COUNTRIES BEGINNING WITH A RESOURCE INVENTORY AND PROGRESSING THROUGH CASE HISTORY ANALYSES. THE PROJECT IS DESIGNED TO DEVELOP STANDARDS NOT ONLY OF USE BUT ALSO OF UNDERSTANDING; THUS, WHEN RESOURCE ANALYSTS ESTIMATE THE RESOURCE/RESERVE POTENTIAL OF AN AREA, THE ESTIMATE WILL BE BASED ON STANDARDIZED CRITERIA.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT NO PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OR EXPERIENCE WITH COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY OR RESOURCE ASSESSMENT STANDARDS IS REQUIRED. SOME BASIC CONCEPTS OF THE USE OF COMPUTERS IN RESOURCE STUDIES AND IN RESOURCE ASSESSMENT CONCEPTS WILL BE PRESENTED FOR INTERESTED PARTICIPANTS.

MISSIONS MAY WISH TO CALL ATTENTION OF RESOURCES AGENCIES IN HOST COUNTRIES TO THE CONFERENCE IF THE OPPORTUNITY ARISES. USAID STAFF MEMBERS IN AFRICAN COUNTRIES MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOPS. FOR RESERVATION INFORMATION, CONTACT DR. ALLEN L. CLARK, CHIEF, OFFICE OF RESOURCE ANALYSIS, U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, 920 NATIONAL CENTER, RESTON, VIRGINIA, 22092, U.S.A. RESERVATIONS MUST BE CONFIRMED BY JUNE 17, 1977. VANCE
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